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**SAN DIEGO CITY COUNCIL TO VOTE ON
"SPECTATOR ORDINANCE"**

***PROPOSED NEW CITY ORDINANCE ALLOWS FOR ARREST &
PROSECUTION OF SPECTATORS AT ILLEGAL STREET RACES***

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Bill Maheu and San Diego City Councilman Jim Madaffer

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